



# James P. McGovern

Second Congressional District of Massachusetts

## 2023 Congressional Art Competition

Dear Teacher,

Each spring, the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives sponsor a nation-wide, high school art competition: the Congressional Art Competition. Since its inception in 1982, this competition has provided a unique opportunity for high school students from across the U.S.—and the Second Congressional District—to showcase their artistic talents. With over 650,000 students having participated in the last 40 years, the Congressional Art Competition has continued to be a wonderful opportunity to recognize and encourage the talents of students from across the country.

The Congressional Art Competition, sponsored by my office, is open to all high school students attending a high school located in the Second Congressional District of Massachusetts. The winner of our District's competition will have their artwork displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The exhibit in Washington will also include artwork of other district competition winners from around the country. The national reception will be held in Washington, D.C. at the end of June (more details to follow).

**Artwork must be dropped off at one of my district offices by 4:30pm on Friday, April 28, 2023.**

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**Art will be judged in the following categories:**

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

*Additionally, category prize winners' artwork may be requested to be displayed in my district offices for one year.*

If you have any questions, please contact Eladia Romero at 978-466-3552 [eladia.romero@mail.house.gov](mailto:eladia.romero@mail.house.gov) or Kelly Brissette at 508-831-7356 [kelly.brissette@mail.house.gov](mailto:kelly.brissette@mail.house.gov).

I look forward to the participation of your students and to seeing all their great artwork!

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern  
Member of Congress



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### 2023 Congressional Art Competition

- General Guidelines
- Timeline
- Student Checklist
- Student Information/Release Form

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This packet provides information on how to enter your selected pieces of artwork for the 2023 Congressional Art Competition. Your artwork must comply with the enclosed guidelines and specifications to be accepted.

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### 2023 Congressional Art Competition General Guidelines

The 2023 Congressional Art Competition is open to high school students attending a high school located within the Second Congressional District of Massachusetts. Artwork **must** be two-dimensional, and each piece can be **no larger** than 26"x26"x4" **including the frame**. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds.

Artwork accepted mediums are as follows:

- Painting (Oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings (colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal. It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages (must be two dimensional)
- Prints (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
- Computer-generated art
- Photography
- Mixed Media (use of more than two mediums listed above)

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**Drop off Artwork** – Teachers must drop off artwork no later than 4:30pm on **Friday, April 28, 2023**.  
**Artwork will only be accepted from teachers.**

**Pick Up Artwork** – Teachers must pick up artwork **Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – Friday, May 12, 2023**,  
**between 9:00am and 4:30pm** at the district office which the artwork was dropped off.

**Each piece of art must have a completed Student Information/Release Form affixed to the back of the artwork. A copy of the first page of the Student Release Form must be provided to my office at drop off.**

Entries must be **original** in concept, design, and execution. It must be in the original medium (not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

The work may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.

## Suitability Guidelines

As outlined in these guidelines, the final decision regarding the suitability of all artworks for the 2022 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do wish to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in this highly travelled area leading to the Capitol.

Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy, or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artworks be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit

## Prizes

The piece that is judged the overall winner of the Massachusetts 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District's competition will be displayed for **one year** in the U.S. Capitol and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. **Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.**

Category prize winners' artwork may be requested to be displayed in my district offices for one year.

The overall winner in the Massachusetts 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Congressional Art Competition may be eligible to receive a minimum Savannah College of Art and Design scholarship of \$3,000 per year, should they apply and be accepted for admission.



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### Timeline

<b>Friday, April 28, 2023 4:30pm</b>	Artwork must be dropped off by your teacher no later than 4:30pm
<b>Friday, May 5, 2023 5:30pm – 7:00pm</b>	Artist Reception with Congressman Jim McGovern at Leominster City Hall.
<b>Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – Friday, May 12, 2023 between 9:00am and 4:30pm</b>	Pick up artwork at a District Office
<b>TBD</b>	National reception at Capitol Visitor Center Atrium and Auditorium, Washington, DC, for the overall winner.



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#### Student Checklist

Artwork must be dropped off by your teacher to one of my district offices by 4:30pm on Friday, April 28, 2023, with:

1. the Student Release Form affixed to the back and
2. a copy of the first page of the Student Release form

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- ☐ I am a high school student (grades 9-12).
- ☐ I attend a high school located in the Massachusetts 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District.
- ☐ I have completed the release form and attached it to the back of my artwork.
- ☐ The release form has been signed by me, my parent/guardian, and my teacher.
- ☐ I have made a copy of the first page of the Student Release Form to provide to your office when my artwork is delivered by my teacher.

#### My artwork:

- ☐ Is two dimensional
- ☐ Weighs less than 15 pounds when framed
- ☐ Is no larger than 26" high x 26" wide x 4" deep **when framed**
- ☐ Is in one of the following mediums:
  - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
  - Collages: must be two dimensional
  - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
  - Computer-generated art
  - Photographs
- ☐ Is **original** in concept, design, and execution and in the original medium
- ☐ Meets the suitability guidelines detailed in this document
- ☐ Does not violate U.S. Copyright Laws

**Artwork that does not meet these requirements will not be accepted.**



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#### Student Information and Release Form

- Each entrant must submit a **TYPED** Student Information and Release Form.
- Students should list their mailing addresses, if different from their residential addresses.
- The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work.
  - “A painting of two people; the one on the left wears a green sweater and khaki pants; the one on the right wears a black shirt and a striped skirt. A dog sits at their feet” is an example of an acceptable description.
- The second page of the Student Information and Release Form contains a legal release and a certification that the artwork is original in design and execution.
- The student, an art teacher, and a parent or guardian must sign where appropriate. Entries without signed originality certifications and artwork releases may not be accepted.
- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release Form, signed by the teacher, a parent or guardian, and the student, **must** be securely attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece.
- A **copy of the first page of the Student Release Form** must be provided to my office at drop off.

You can find the online student release form here:

<https://mcgovern.house.gov/helping-you/arts-competition.htm>



# James P. McGovern

Second Congressional District of Massachusetts

Worcester

Leominster

Northampton

## School Information:

School:

Teacher Name:

Teacher e-mail:

Teacher Phone:

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Artwork Received:

Last Name	First Name	Title	Description (include medium)	Release

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_